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Mr. Michael K. Powell  
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445 12th Street, S.W.  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

It is my understanding that the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) is reviewing Qwest's application to enter the long distance market in Colorado. I ask that this application receive consideration.

The best way to ensure that Colorado residents benefit from the promises of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 is to open the long distance market and let all companies compete on a level playing field. The results in New York and Texas clearly demonstrate that consumers and small businesses benefit through savings and increased choice when an incumbent local exchange carrier is allowed to enter the long distance market.

A number of collaborative efforts and extensive testing that have led to this application. The Colorado Public Service Commission has brought together all of the companies in this state to resolve problems, and worked with 12 other states to oversee extensive testing of the competitive environment. The Commission's endorsement of this application demonstrates their confidence that Qwest has opened its markets to local competition and has satisfied the requirements of section 271, and that this is in the best interest of the state and its citizens.

Sincerely,



Scott McInnis  
Member of Congress

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